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In the Application of:

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AMENDMENT BEFORE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the last paragraph beginning at page 7 and continuing to page 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

β<sup>1</sup> The subject matter of the invention relates, in particular, to a front handle 40 which includes a latch mechanism for maintaining the drawer 30 in a closed position except when the handle 40 is appropriately actuated to release the drawer 30 from the closed position. The mechanism for effecting such retention is depicted in greater detail in Figures 2-5. Thus, the front side wall 38 of the drawer 30 includes a top edge 44 which, in the embodiment depicted, comprises a horizontal run 46 extending from a vertical front face or run 48 defining the front side wall 38. The horizontal run 46 extends outwardly from the interior of the drawer 30. The run 46 extends between the lateral sides 34 and 36. A series of horizontal slots 50 are provided in face 48 adjacent the upper edge 44 in the front side wall 38.

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